

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00
P.M.**

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Councillor Richard P. Adams

Councillor Bruce J. Long

Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Vice President Robert J. Sylvia, Absent

Also, present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.

Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Facilities Director Edward Collins, School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler, Vice Chair Kellie DiPalma, and members Liana Ferreira Fenton, Paul Mankofsky, and William O'Connell.

POSTED – April 17, 2014

Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4., 42-46-5., and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following items of business:

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- 1. Meeting with School Administration and School Committee, re: School Department Facilities Plan (SDFP) – Consensus:**

Build cohesion and shared commitment for the SDFP. Negotiate the proposed SDFP which will be submitted for public comment and matters related thereto.

2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto

Said meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Christopher T. Semonelli, President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

School Department

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

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On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said meeting.

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Councillor Santos congratulated the School Department for being ranked fifth best High School in Rhode Island.

Councillor Santos requested a moment of Silence for former School Teacher and Beach Manager Francis Forge.

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said consensus discussion regarding the

School Department Facilities Plan.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the Vision Deployment Matrix – Jointly Developed – School Facilities Plan, entered

here:

Superintendent of School Rosemarie Kraeger reviewed the following Vision Deployment Matrix – Planning, entered here:

The Middletown Town Council and School Committee broke off into three groups as follows:

Group one – Councillor VonVillas, School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler and School Committee Member William O’Connell.

Group two – Council President Semonelli, Councillor Adams, Councillor Santos and School Committee Member Liana Ferreira Fenton.

Group three – Councillor Long, Councillor Rodrigues, School Committee Vice Chair Kellie DiPalma and School Committee Member Paul Mankofsky.

The groups followed the Vision Deployment Matrix – Planning, as entered above and reported their thoughts and ideas to the groups.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that he and Mrs. Kraeger will compile the results of the group's matrixes, and will present potential actions for the Facility Plan.

Discussion centered around the Town Council and School Committee continuing to work together, elementary state testing, follow up studies with graduates, all day kindergarten and opportunities for

young families within the Town.

2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said School Budget discussion.

Council Present Semonelli welcomed all who attended this meeting.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger noted that this was the most difficult budget, it represents and advocates for needs of the students.

Discussion centered around the funding formula, healthcare costs, NECAP and PARCC Tests, core curriculum, labor contracts, pay

scales, benefits, early retirement, cross training of staff for multiple jobs, district performance, quality enrichment program, grant submissions, donations to fund programs, cuts across the board, enrollment, cost per pupil, the School CIP budget, bus transportation, and cost efficiencies.

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 9:02 pm.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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